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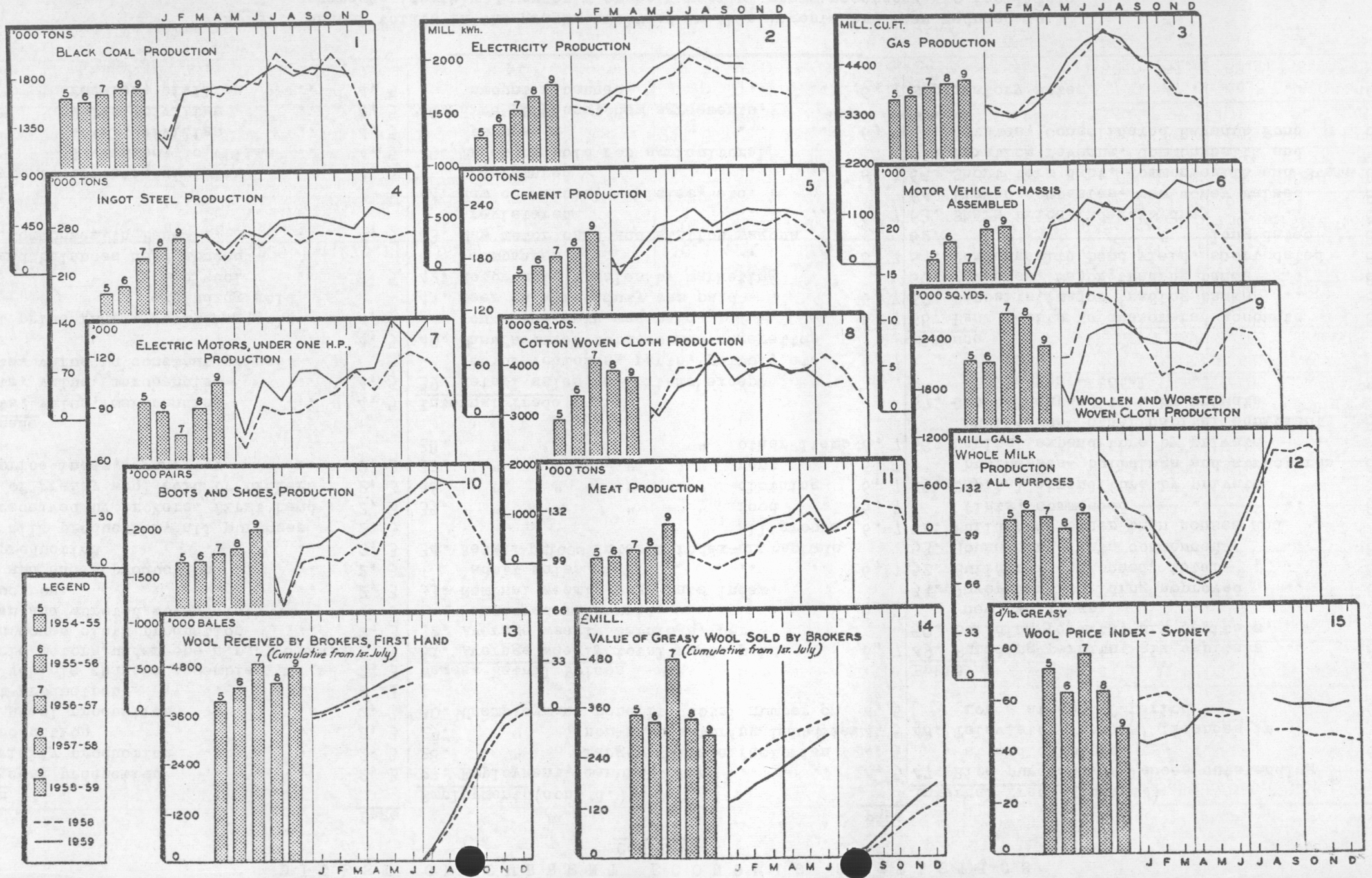
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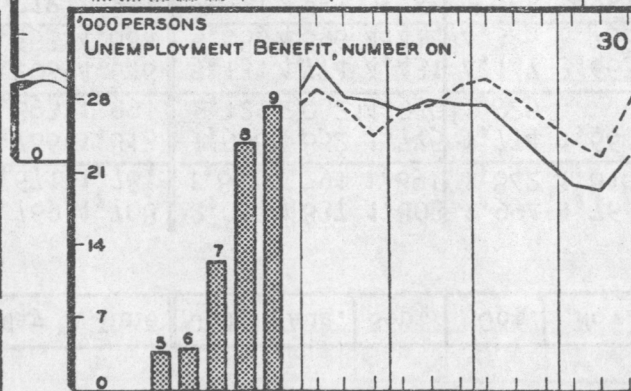
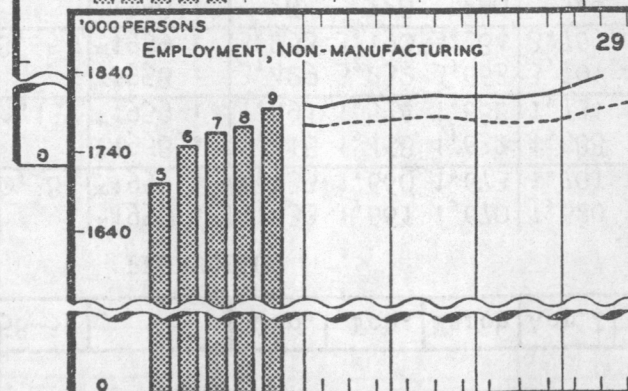
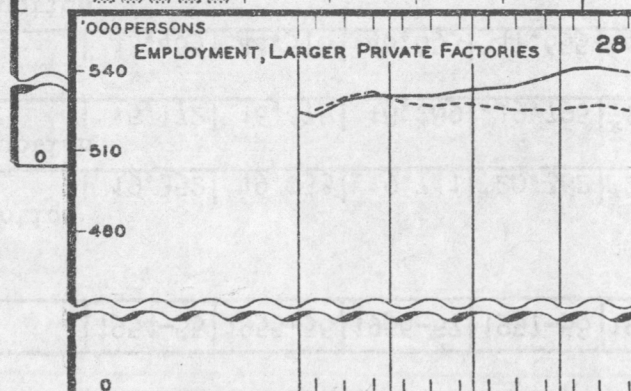
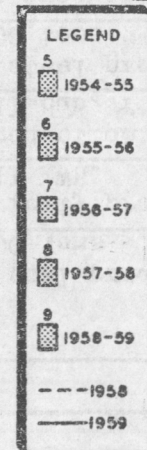
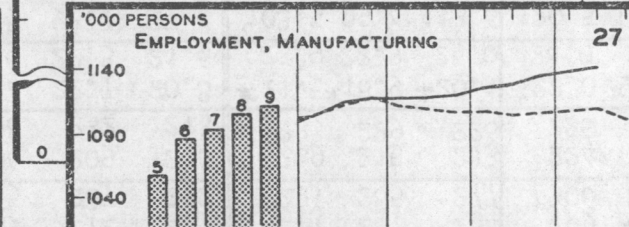
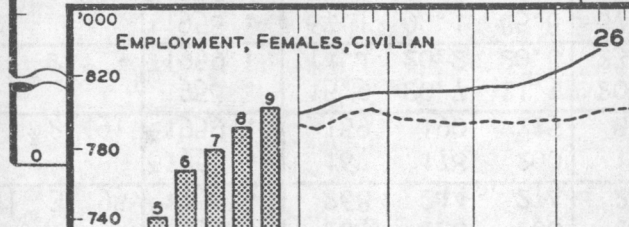
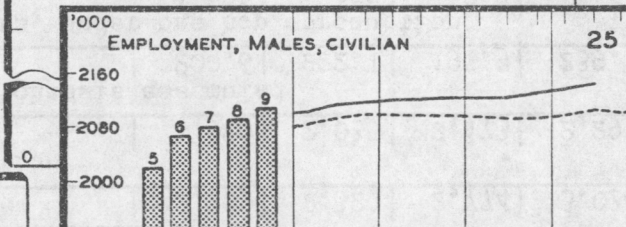
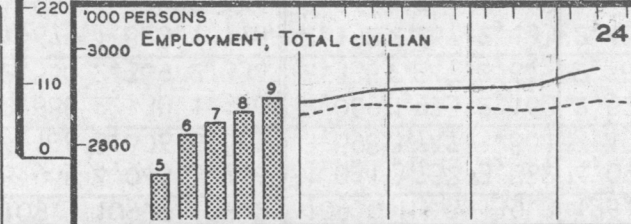
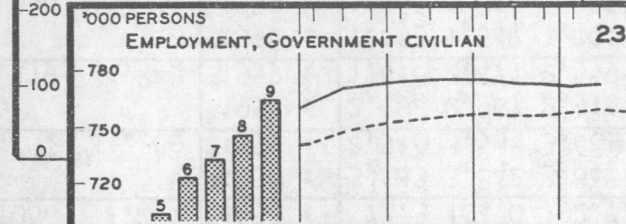
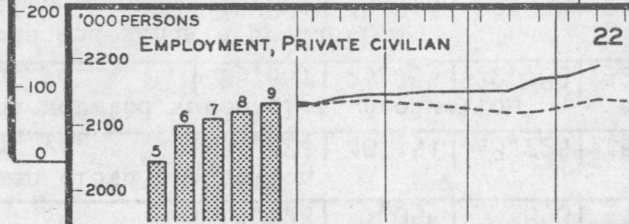
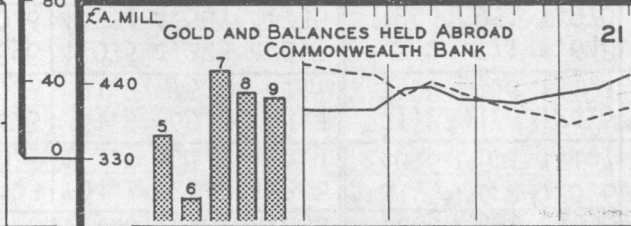
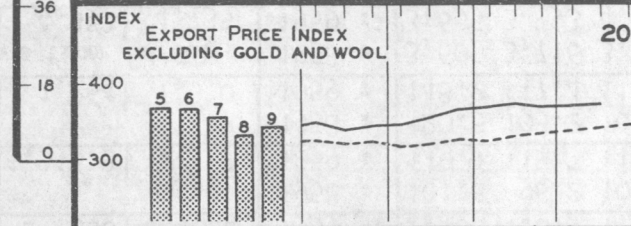
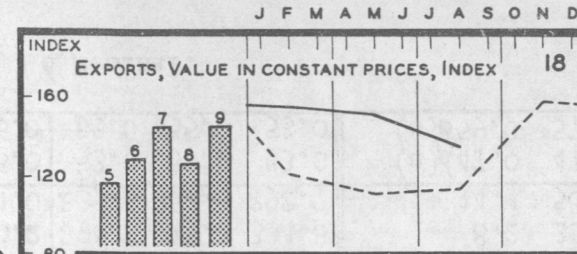
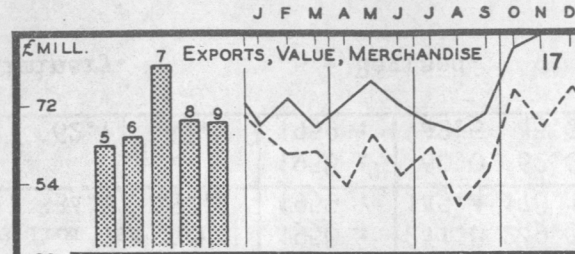
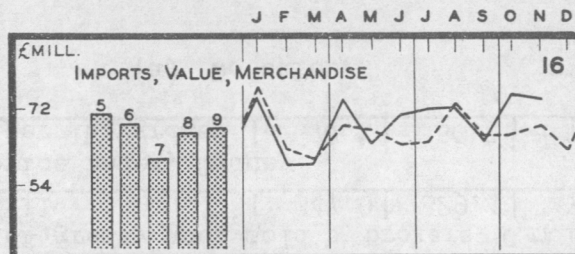
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
PRODUCTION																		
1. Black coal production						*1958 :	1,233	1,661	1,670	1,620	1,769	1,708	2,017	1,837	1,803	1,994	1,764	1,349
'000 tons	19,352	19,033	19,711	*20,362	*20,383	*1959 :	1,133	1,660	1,673	1,701	1,671	1,781	1,887	1,791	1,891	1,842	1,810	
2. Electricity production						*1958 :	1,518	1,468	1,632	1,588	1,766	1,813	1,968	1,852	1,775	1,774	1,660	1,638
mill kWh.	15,172	16,675	18,289	19,796	*21,135	*1959 :	1,591	1,574	1,688	1,731	1,893	1,991	2,121	2,032	†1,930	†1,925		
3. Gas production						*1958 :	3,429	3,232	3,663	3,701	4,203	4,646	5,131	4,774	4,431	4,147	3,663	3,596
mill. cub. ft.	43,465	44,578	46,653	47,655	*48,655	*1959 :	3,253	3,190	3,384	3,769	4,453	4,864	5,085	4,896	4,414	†4,325	3,758	
4. Ingot steel production						1958 :	264	228	260	249	272	257	*271	*267	*264	*265	*263	*270
'000 tons	2,209	2,320	2,774	3,038	*3,195	*1959 :	268	244	274	265	287	292	291	285	277	†306	297	
5. Cement production						*1958 :	167	178	200	196	209	206	209	215	213	224	210	193
'000 tons	1,920	2,035	2,173	2,291	*2,491	*1959 :	159	190	215	218	232	213	223	229	226	226	225	
6. Motor vehicle chassis assembled						1958 :	15.9	20.7	21.9	20.4	22.7	20.8	*21.5	*18.9	*20.1	*22.0	*19.7	*16.8
'000	200.6	222.1	193.9	239.1	*241.3	*1959 :	14.4	20.2	20.8	23.0	22.3	21.6	23.9	22.9	25.0	24.0	24.6	
7. Electric motors, under one h.p. production						*1958 :	67.1	90.1	85.8	87.5	93.7	97.8	108.5	99.4	113.6	120.5	114.5	103.4
'000	1,123	1,055	898	1,066	*1,251	*1959 :	73.3	104.0	92.7	109.3	109.7	102.2	109.0	111.3	139.3	126.9	138.5	
8. Cotton woven cloth production						*1958 :	3,143	3,842	3,848	3,985	4,045	3,746	†4,031	†3,732	†3,832	†4,094	†3,787	†3,201
'000 sq. yd.	34,424	40,151	48,225	45,797	*†44,280	*1959 :	†2,910	†3,511	†3,606	†4,168	†3,606	†3,802	3,898	3,747	3,804	†3,490	3,589	
9. Woollen and worsted woven cloth production						*1958 :	2,194	2,967	2,914	2,688	2,330	1,940	2,069	1,973	2,163	2,522	2,451	2,120
'000 sq. yd.	25,661	25,255	32,782	32,119	*27,249	*1959 :	1,618	2,471	2,559	2,580	2,389	2,334	2,338	2,247	2,645	2,766	2,854	
10. Boots, shoes and sandals production						*1958 :	1,163	1,647	1,701	1,675	1,828	1,716	2,152	2,267	2,433	2,486	2,136	1,807
'000 pairs	19,881	19,816	20,938	21,388	*24,024	*1959 :	1,166	1,811	1,820	1,988	1,902	2,056	†2,266	†2,339	†2,558	2,489	2,487	
11. Meat production						1958 :	101.6	96.2	101.3	104.3	123.0	123.8	*131.5	*116.2	*120.6	*140.0	*135.5	*130.8
'000 tons	1,207.5	1,225.1	1,270.1	1,316.3	*1502.8	*1959 :	110.1	117.7	118.5	123.5	128.5	129.9	140.6	115.1	121.7	129.0		
12. Whole milk production, all purposes						1958 :	120.5	105.2	104.3	81.9	69.3	64.4	*71.8	*91.6	*124.5	*156.5	*154.4	*160.4
mill. gals.	1,326	1,402	1,358	1,264	*1,370	*1959 :	148.2	117.4	111.3	91.3	75.2	67.1	73.8	97.6	131.4	164.9		
13. Wool received by brokers, first hand. Cumulative from 1st July						1958 :	3,605	3,716	3,898	4,075	4,225	4,353	262	771	1,648	2,592	3,261	3,540
'000 bales	3,926	4,256	4,867	4,353	4,735	1959 :	3,655	3,793	4,046	4,324	4,561	4,735	296	951	1,978	2,909	3,527	3,794
14. Value of greasy wool sold by brokers. Cumulative from 1st July						1958 :	211.8	249.3	280.2	296.2	315.3	334.8	-	8.2	36.0	69.3	101.4	123.7
£ mill.	347.0	329.4	478.0	334.8	292.7	1959 :	145.4	178.1	201.0	235.5	262.5	292.7	-	14.4	58.3	101.3	145.8	178.0
15. Wool price index, Sydney						1958 :	60.0	62.0	56.0	53.0	52.0	53.0	(a) 47.0	47.0	47.0	44.5	45.0	43.5
d. per lb. greasy	70.1	60.7	77.9	62.1	47.5	1959 :	42.5	45.0	46.0	55.0	55.0	53.0	(a) 59.0	57.0	57.0	57.0	*56.0	*58.0

(a) No sales.

* Preliminary.

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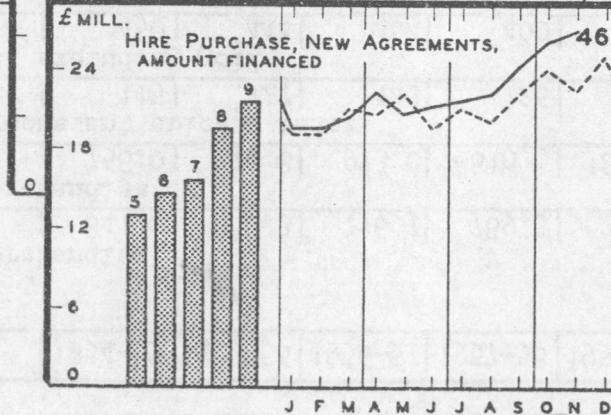
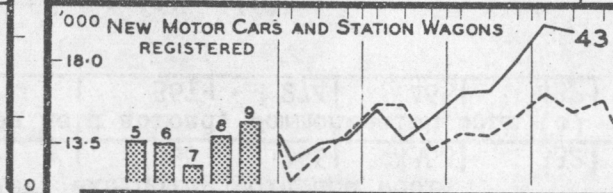
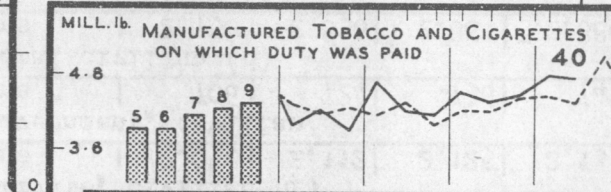
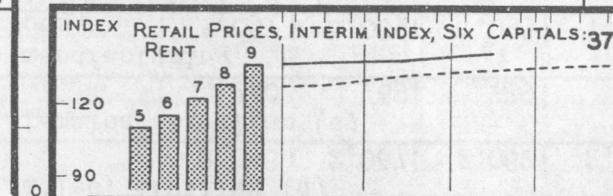
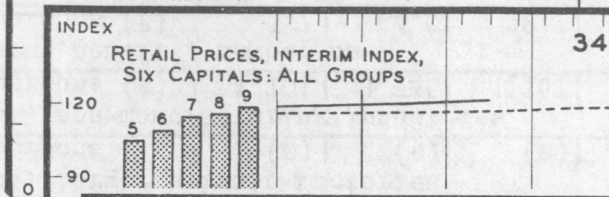
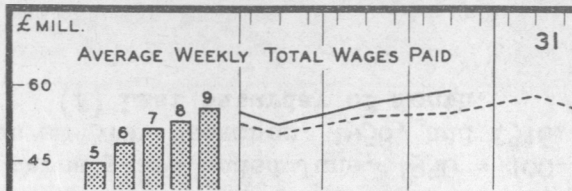


	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
OVERSEA TRADE																		
16. Imports, value, merchandise £ mill.	841.0	818.3	716.7	789.3	†794.4	1958 :	77.0	62.4	59.4	67.1	66.6	63.2	63.8	72.9	65.5	†65.5	67.5	†61.9
						1959 :	74.4	58.5	58.9	†73.1	63.1	69.3	†70.6	*71.0	*†64.0	*74.5	*†74.2	
17. Exports, value, merchandise £ mill.	758.0	770.8	973.0	†810.3	†806.7	1958 :	66.6	59.6	60.9	52.9	64.3	†54.4	61.4	47.2	55.7	†74.0	66.2	75.7
						1959 :	66.9	†73.6	†66.4	†72.2	†76.7	†70.7	*66.6	*†64.3	*†69.6	*†85.1	*†88.0	
18. Exports, value in constant prices, index (a)	115	127	143	126	*143	1958 :		121			109			*112			*158	
						*1959 :		153			150			132				
19. Export price index, excluding gold (b)	450	414	464	400	351	1958 :	387	393	372	358	356	361	361	342	343	337	342	337
						1959 :	334	339	343	*377	*381	*378	*384	*406	*396	*398	*395	
20. Export price index, excluding gold and wool (b)	366	366	353	332	341	1958 :	325	321	323	319	321	324	323	330	332	338	344	346
						1959 :	347	339	339	*342	349	*357	*362	*369	*363	*367	*369	
21. Gold and balances held abroad, Commonwealth Bank (c) £ mill.	367	274	465	432	421	1958 :	470	463	458	430	446	432	419	407	399	387	397	†411
						1959 :	406	406	406	437	442	421	420	415	423	432	442	†460

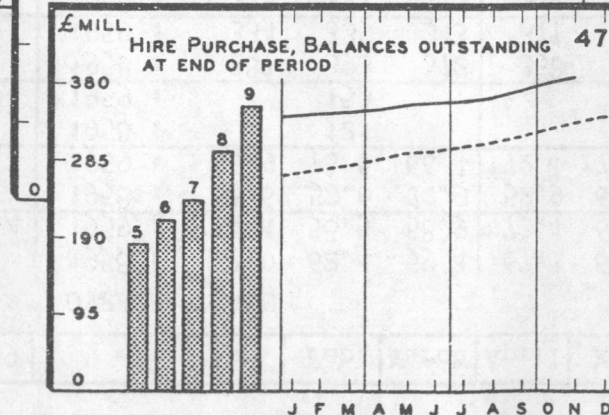
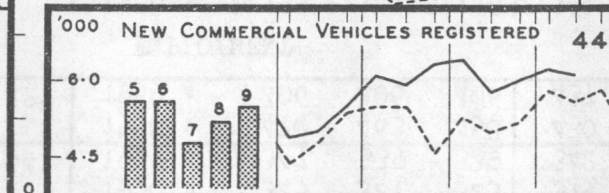
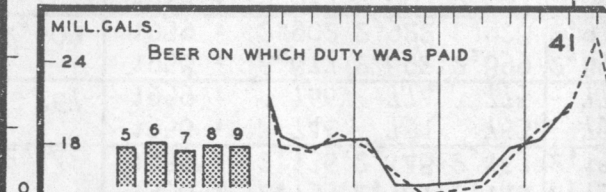
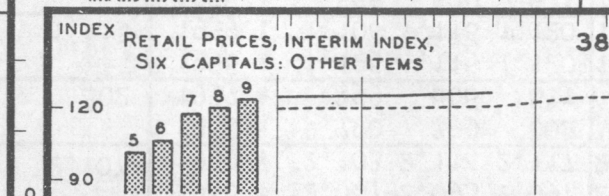
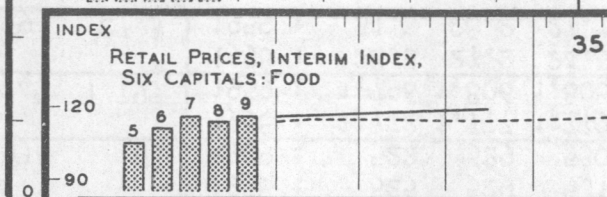
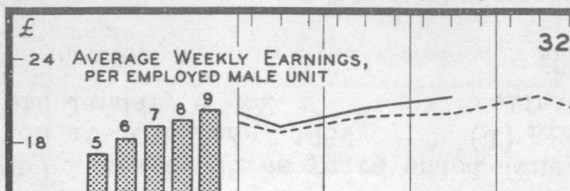
EMPLOYMENT																		
22. Employment, private, civilian (d) '000 persons	2,052	2,112	2,125	2,133	2,142	1958 :	2,133	2,141	2,146	2,139	2,136	2,132	2,129	2,126	2,129	2,134	2,145	2,143
						1959 :	2,136	2,148	2,153	2,154	2,155	2,156	2,158	2,159	2,174	2,183	*2,199	
23. Employment, Government, civilian '000 persons	706	724	736	747	767	1958 :	744	751	753	755	757	758	759	758	758	759	761	760
						1959 :	766	774	775	777	778	778	778	777	776	774	*775	
24. Employment, total civilian (d) '000 persons	2,758	2,836	2,861	2,880	2,909	1958 :	2,877	2,892	2,899	2,894	2,893	2,890	2,888	2,884	2,887	2,893	2,906	2,903
						1959 :	2,902	2,922	2,928	2,931	2,933	2,934	2,936	2,936	2,950	2,957	*2,974	
25. Employment, males, civilian (d) '000	2,018	2,067	2,082	2,089	2,107	1958 :	2,087	2,093	2,097	2,098	2,098	2,098	2,095	2,091	2,093	2,098	2,106	2,101
						1959 :	2,103	2,114	2,117	2,121	2,122	2,123	2,123	2,123	2,130	2,133	*2,140	
26. Employment, females, civilian (d) '000	740	769	779	791	802	1958 :	790	799	802	796	795	792	793	793	794	795	800	802
						1959 :	799	808	811	810	811	811	813	813	820	824	*834	
27. Employment, manufacturing '000 persons	1,057	1,089	1,093	1,106	1,113	1958 :	1,105	1,115	1,120	1,113	1,111	1,109	1,108	1,106	1,107	1,109	1,112	1,103
						1959 :	1,106	1,116	1,120	1,120	1,121	1,124	1,126	1,129	1,136	1,139	*1,143	
28. Employment, larger private factories '000 persons	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	1958 :	525	529	531	527	526	527	526	524	524	525	527	524
						1959 :	522	529	530	529	530	531	532	533	536	538	539	*538
29. Employment, non-manufacturing industries '000 persons (d)	1,701	1,746	1,767	1,774	1,795	1958 :	1,772	1,777	1,779	1,781	1,782	1,781	1,780	1,778	1,780	1,784	1,794	1,800
						1959 :	1,796	1,806	1,808	1,811	1,812	1,810	1,810	1,807	1,814	1,818	*1,831	
30. Unemployment benefit, number on '000 persons (f)	3.7	4.0	12.7	23.9	27.3	1958 :	28.8	27.2	24.5	26.8	27.3	29.4	29.9	28.3	26.0	24.0	22.3	27.6
						1959 :	31.5	28.2	27.7	26.8	27.9	27.5	27.4	24.8	22.2	19.6	19.0	22.5

(a) Average, three years ended June, 1950 = 100. (b) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 100. (c) Total international reserves were £500.0 million at 31st December, 1958, and £516.4 million at 30th June, 1959. (d) Excluding rural and female private domestics. (e) Not available. (f) Last Saturday of month. † At 6th January - 462. * Preliminary. † Revised.

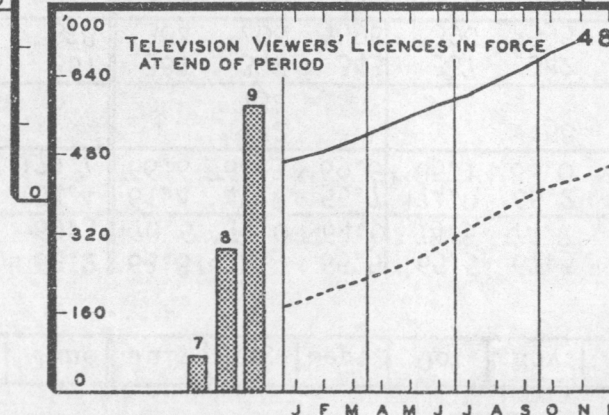
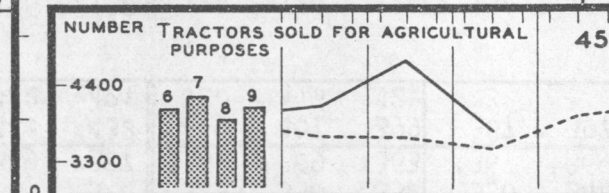
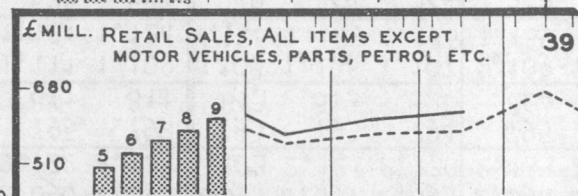
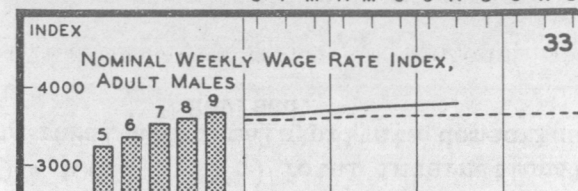
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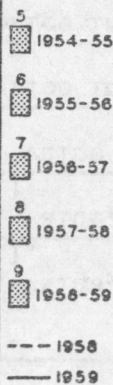
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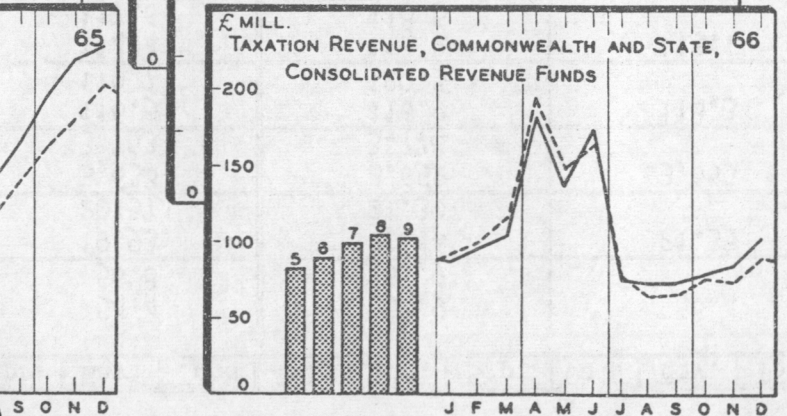
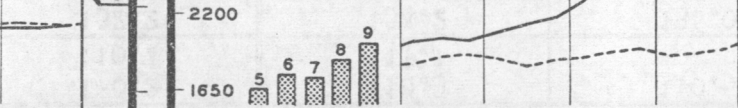
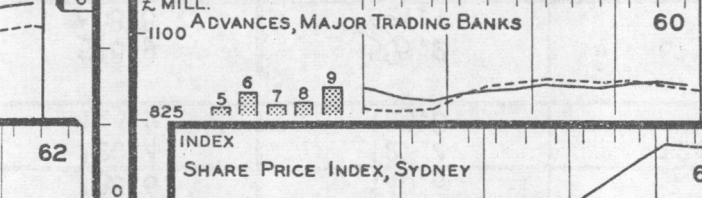
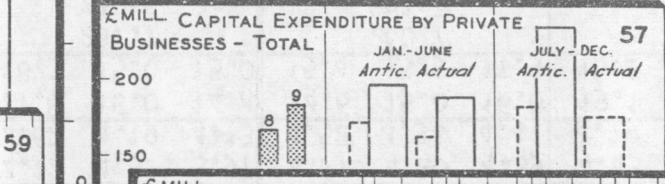
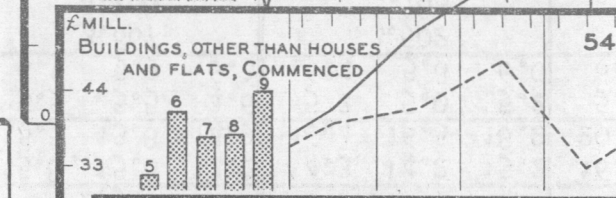
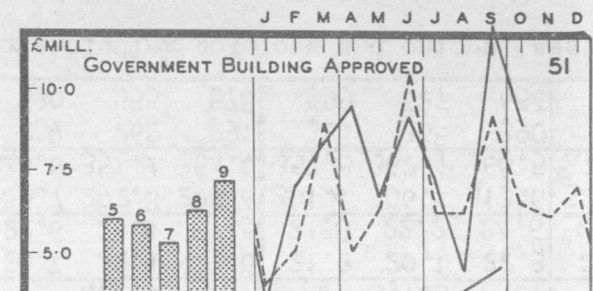
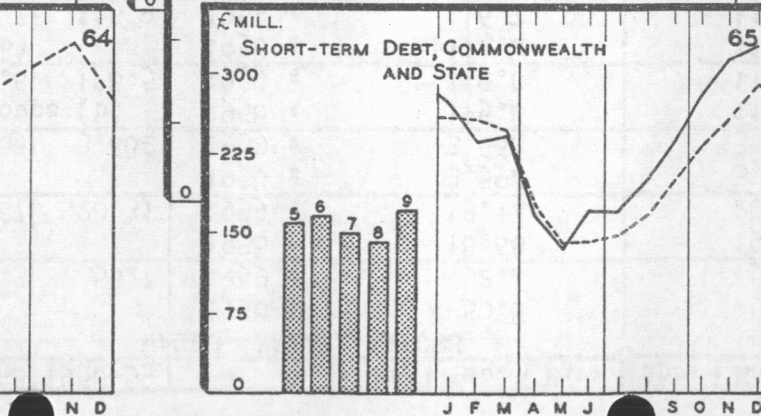
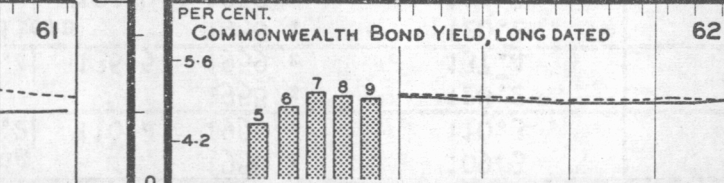
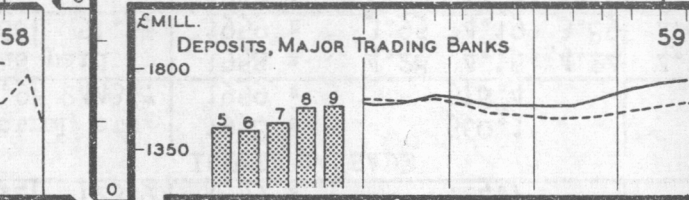
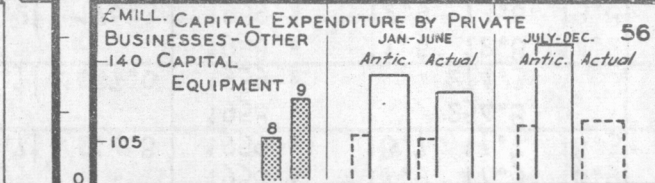
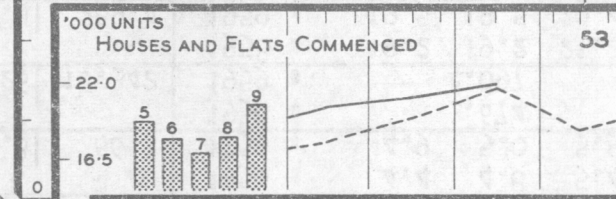
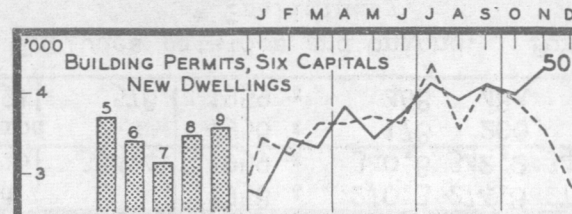
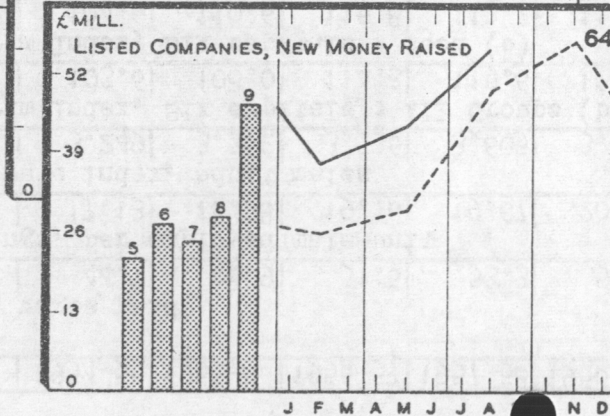
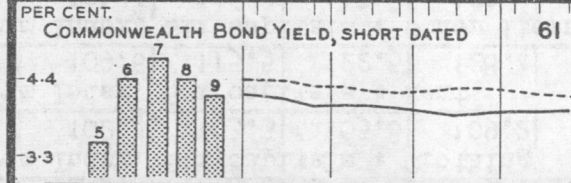
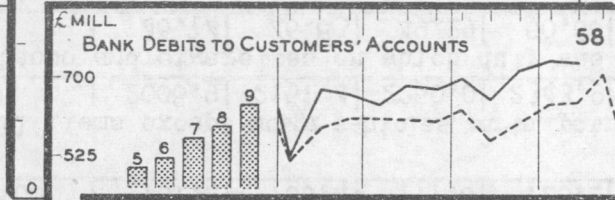
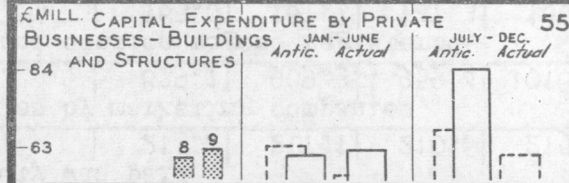
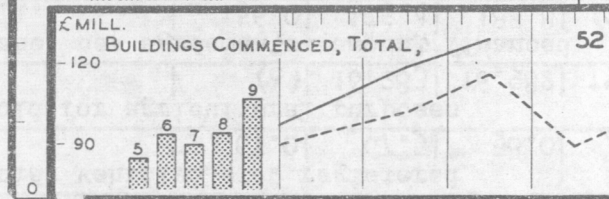
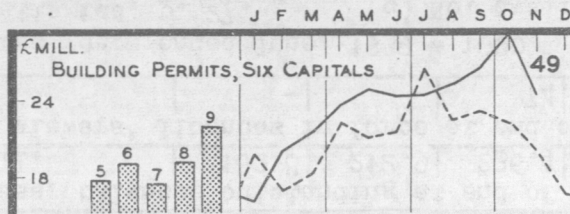


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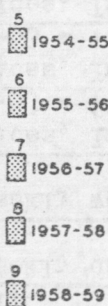


	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																	
31. Average weekly total wages paid						1958 :	50.8			54.4		54.9				58.4	
£ mill.	44.7	48.9	51.6	53.3	55.7	1959 :	52.6			56.8		58.9					
32. Average weekly earnings, per employed male unit						1958 :	18.68			19.93		20.16				21.35	
£	17.13	18.28	19.16	19.67	20.31	1959 :	19.14			20.57		21.30					
33. Nominal weekly wage rate index, adult males						1958 :	3,594			3,638		3,652				3,655	
(a)	3,249	3,362	3,536	3,605	3,682	1959 :	3,668			3,753		3,778					
34. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : All Groups (b)						1958 :	115.8			116.5		116.9				118.3	
1952-53 = 100	103.6	108.0	114.3	115.6	118.5	1959 :	119.0			119.7		120.5					
35. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Food (b)						1958 :	114.4			114.4		114.2				115.1	
1952-53 = 100	104.6	110.6	115.8	113.7	115.9	1959 :	116.7			117.6		118.5					
36. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Clothing						1958 :	109.3			110.2		110.3				110.5	
1952-53 = 100	102.4	103.3	105.8	109.2	110.4	1959 :	110.3			110.7		111.1					
37. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Rent						1958 :	128.2			132.2		134.2				136.0	
1952-53 = 100	109.6	115.5	122.5	128.4	136.5	1959 :	137.4			138.6		140.6					
38. Retail prices, Interim Index, Six capitals : Other items						1958 :	120.2			120.4		121.4				124.5	
1952-53 = 100	101.4	106.4	117.8	120.2	123.9	1959 :	124.7			125.2		125.8					
INTERNAL TRADE																	
39. Retail sales, all items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.						1958 :	560.1			578.9		585.2				673.3	
£ mill.	2008.9	2151.4	2250.0	2343.9	2443.7	1959 :	576.4			608.8		*621.1					
40. Manufactured tobacco and cigarettes on which duty was paid						1958 :	4.28	4.15	4.24	4.12	4.32	3.97	4.21	4.20	4.39	4.43	4.32 5.03
mill. lb.	46.74	46.83	49.29	50.66	51.55	1959 :	3.95	4.19	3.89	4.62	4.19	4.13	4.52	4.34	4.41	4.79	4.73
41. Beer on which duty was paid						1958 :	17.9	17.5	18.9	17.8	16.0	14.4	14.6	15.0	16.8	19.1	20.5 25.8
mill. gals.	213.2	217.1	210.6	215.7	214.8	1959 :	18.7	17.7	18.3	18.3	15.0	15.0	15.4	15.5	17.9	18.2	21.0
42. Motor spirit sales by marketing companies						1958 :	254.8			261.7		260.7				282.5	
mill. gals.	839.1	909.3	959.4	1018.7	1097.0	1959 :	274.3			279.5		281.5					
43. New motor cars and station wagons registered						1958 :	11.5	12.8	14.2	15.8	15.8	13.2	14.3	14.2	15.2	16.5	15.5 16.1
'000	163.0	161.7	147.3	166.2	176.3	1959 :	12.9	13.6	13.8	15.5	13.8	14.9	16.4	16.5	18.2	20.0	19.8
44. New commercial vehicles etc. registered						1958 :	4.4	4.8	5.4	5.5	5.5	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.8	5.6 5.8
'000	67.0	67.5	58.0	61.8	66.3	1959 :	4.9	5.0	5.5	6.1	5.9	6.3	6.4	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.1
45. Tractors sold for agricultural purposes						1958 :	3,674			3,667		3,502				3,975	
No.	(c)	16,283	16,982	15,726	16,342	1959 :	4,097			4,768		3,783					
46. Hire purchase, new agreements, amount financed						1958 :	19.2	19.2	21.2	20.7	22.3	19.6	21.2	20.1	22.3	24.1	22.4 25.0
£. mill.	156.0	175.4	188.8	235.4	259.4	1959 :	19.5	19.5	20.4	22.6	20.8	21.5	21.8	22.2	24.6	*26.2	*27.0
47. Hire purchase, balances outstanding at end of period						1958 :	270.3	274.8	279.6	285.7	292.8	296.6	301.4	306.4	313.6	321.2	329.0 338.1
£. mill.	182.8	212.9	236.4	296.6	354.4	1959 :	340.8	342.2	344.2	348.6	351.9	354.4	357.8	362.1	368.5	*376.5	*385.0
48. Television viewers' licences in force at end of period						1958 :	178	200	220	239	262	291	328	358	390	415	433 455
'000	-	-	74	291	578	1959 :	468	484	506	530	555	578	599	627	654	682	711

(a) Average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (b) Includes potatoes and onions. For index excluding potatoes and onions, see Monthly Review of Business Statistics, p. 27. (c) Not available. * Preliminary.



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	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
BUILDING, ETC.																		
49. Building permits, Six capitals						1958 :	19.7	17.0	18.3	22.1	20.9	21.4	26.1	22.3	22.9	22.2	20.0	16.5
£ mill.	214.7	226.6	208.8	229.9	259.9	1959 :	16.0	20.2	21.4	23.5	24.6	24.2	24.3	25.2	26.2	29.3	24.5	
50. Building permits, Six capitals, new dwellings						1958 :	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.6	4.4	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.5	2.8
'000 units	44.1	40.3	37.4	41.4	42.5	1959 :	2.7	3.4	3.3	3.8	3.4	3.7	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.0	4.3	
51. Government building approved						1958 :	4.0	5.1	8.9	5.0	6.4	10.4	6.2	6.3	9.2	6.5	6.1	7.0
£ mill.	71.5	70.1	62.4	74.0	85.3	1959 :	3.5	7.0	8.3	9.4	6.7	9.1	7.2	4.4	12.3	8.9		
52. Buildings commenced, total						1958 :		94.8			102.9			117.1			90.3	
£ mill.	339.9	376.8	359.0	380.8	431.9	1959 :		105.1			119.4			130.3				
53. Houses and flats commenced						1958 :		17.9			19.5			21.6			18.8	
'000 units	77.2	72.6	69.5	73.3	81.7	1959 :		20.3			21.0			21.9				
54. Buildings, other than houses and flats, commenced						1958 :		39.2			41.7			49.1			33.2	
£ mill.	126.8	164.7	149.5	151.7	177.1	1959 :		41.4			53.4			61.2				
55. Capital expenditure by private businesses - buildings and structures						1958 :	(63.0 anticipated)				55.6 actual		(68.3 anticipated)				61.5 actual	
£ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	119.6	123.5	1959 :	(60.9 anticipated)				62.0 "		(85.1 "					
56. Capital expenditure by private businesses - other capital equipment						1958 :	(107.3 anticipated)				105.8 actual		(111.6 anticipated)				114.7 actual	
£ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	214.2	241.9	1959 :	(134.9 anticipated)				127.2 "		(148.1 "					
57. Capital expenditure by private businesses - total						1958 :	(170.3 anticipated)				161.4 actual		(179.9 anticipated)				176.2 actual	
£ mill.	(a)	(a)	(a)	333.8	365.4	1959 :	(195.8 anticipated)				189.2 "		(233.2 "					
FINANCE																		
58. Bank debits to customers' accounts (b)						1958 :	513	588	609	609	608	603	623	558	598	640	644	707
£ mill.	492	521	563	592	636	1959 :	524	672	664	639	678	677	704	647	712	735	733	
59. Deposits, major trading banks						1958 :	1,650	1,648	1,659	1,625	1,565	1,558	1,548	1,539	1,546	1,580	1,604	1,626
£ mill.	1,485	1,477	1,513	1,596	1,603	1959 :	1,623	1,645	1,662	1,648	1,612	1,612	1,611	1,614	1,647	1,677	1,711	1,741
60. Advances, major trading banks						1958 :	861	857	863	903	933	946	964	960	949	952	947	932
£ mill.	866	908	869	882	930	1959 :	920	899	886	905	915	916	936	934	930	945	949	942
61. Commonwealth bond yield, short dated						1958 :	4.40	4.38	4.30	4.30	4.25	4.25	4.28	4.30	4.30	4.25	4.24	4.23
per cent.	3.49	4.39	4.71	4.38	4.16	1959 :	4.18	4.15	4.00	4.01	4.01	4.00	3.91	3.88	3.93	3.94	3.94	3.95
62. Commonwealth bond yield, long dated						1958 :	5.01	5.01	4.98	4.96	4.96	4.94	4.96	4.97	4.97	4.98	4.96	4.93
per cent.	4.50	4.76	5.06	4.99	4.94	1959 :	4.96	4.95	4.89	4.92	4.95	4.89	4.91	4.89	4.90	4.90	4.89	4.93
63. Share price index, Sydney						1958 :	1,821	1,862	1,867	1,852	1,812	1,838	1,861	1,900	1,914	1,868	1,883	1,914
(c)	1,626	1,726	1,707	1,836	1,966	1959 :	1,967	1,998	1,984	2,045	2,102	2,156	2,271	2,440	2,560	2,668	2,639	2,643
64. Listed companies, new money raised						1958 :		25.8			29.6			49.1			57.1	
£ mill.	87.2	109.2	95.4	113.2	188.1	1959 :		37.7			44.2			*56.3				
65. Short-term debt, Commonwealth and State (d)						1958 :	258	257	247	174	139	140	145	166	198	231	257	287
£ mill.	160	165	150	140	171	1959 :	273	234	243	167	136	171	169	201	239	280	313	325
66. Taxation revenue, Commonwealth and State, Consolidated Revenue Funds						1958 :	92.3	98.4	115.7	194.7	149.1	164.1	78.2	65.9	66.9	75.3	74.7	89.6
£ mill.	996	1,070	1,180	1,250	1,225	1959 :	87.8	95.1	101.4	180.9	136.1	172.6	76.9	69.7	70.3	77.5	*83.6	*101.1
(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (d) Redeemable in Australia. At end of period.																		
* Preliminary. † Revised.																		

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Item	For further reference see below, public- ation No.	Item	For further reference see below, public- ation No.
1.	17	39. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards.	7
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale.	17	40-41. Figures include customs clearances as well as local production on which excise duty was paid. ..	-
3. Total produced in gas works.	17	42. Includes also sales by refineries direct to consumers. Source: Department of National Development. ..	-
4. Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May.	17	43-44. Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services.	24,25
5. Portland cement.	23	45. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors. ..	8
6. Excludes assembled chassis imported as such. ..	19	46-47. Figures relate to agreements, in respect of retail sales, made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Outstanding balances include hiring charges and insurance.	26
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	18	48.	15
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. ..	20	49-50. Building permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes government buildings, except those erected under government home-building schemes where permits are obtained from local government authorities.	15
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. ..	21	51. Contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Excludes government buildings erected under government home-building schemes where permits are obtained from local government authorities	15
10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots	22	52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land.	3
11. In terms of fresh meat (bone-in weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	14	53. Excludes conversions to flats.	4, 15
12.	11	54. See 52 above.	3
13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale	-	55-57. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half-year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive.	2
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	-		
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of greasy wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year. ..	27		
16-17. Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment.	16		
18. The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the three years ended 30th June, 1950.	1		
19-20.	13		
21. Central banking business. Annual and June figures as at 30th June, other figures last Wednesday of month. ..	9		
22,24-26. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas, and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collection	12		

23. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State and Local) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees.	12
27. Figures for periods to June, 1958 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.	12
28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service.	12
29. See 22 above.	12
30. Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres.	12
31. Derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns, other direct monthly collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included.	12
32. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.	12
33. Based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia.	12, 15
34-38. For detailed information about the weighting pattern and coverage of the Interim Index, see Chapter 1 of Labour Report No. 46.	5

58. Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts of city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.	9
59-60. Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks.	9, 10
61-62. Short-dated, estimated for 2-year securities from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 years; long-dated, 10 or more years. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Commonwealth Bank.	15
63. Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney.	15, 27
64. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. Excludes changes in bank overdrafts and temporary advances.	6
65. Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills.	15
66. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Funds, e.g. motor taxes.	-

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